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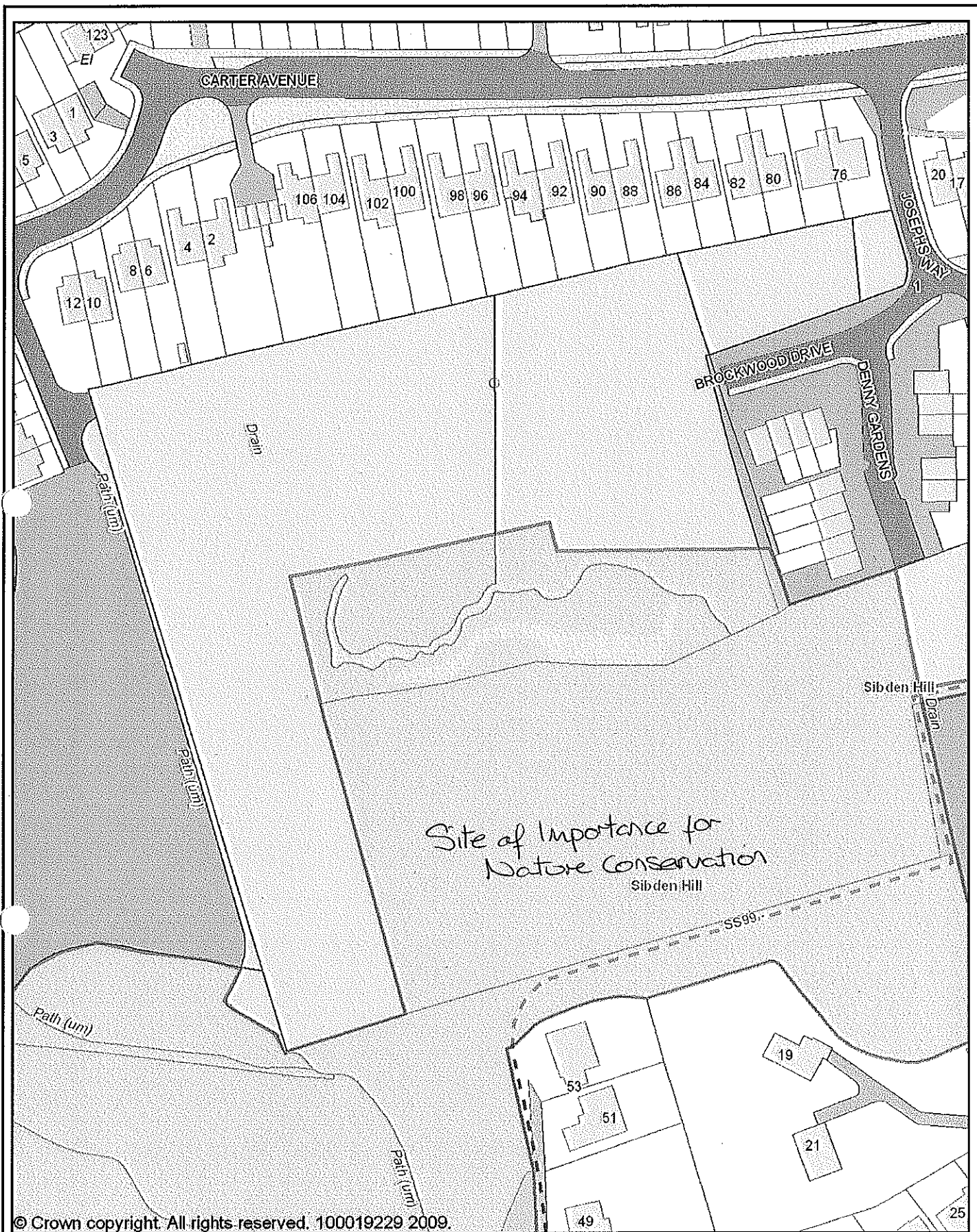
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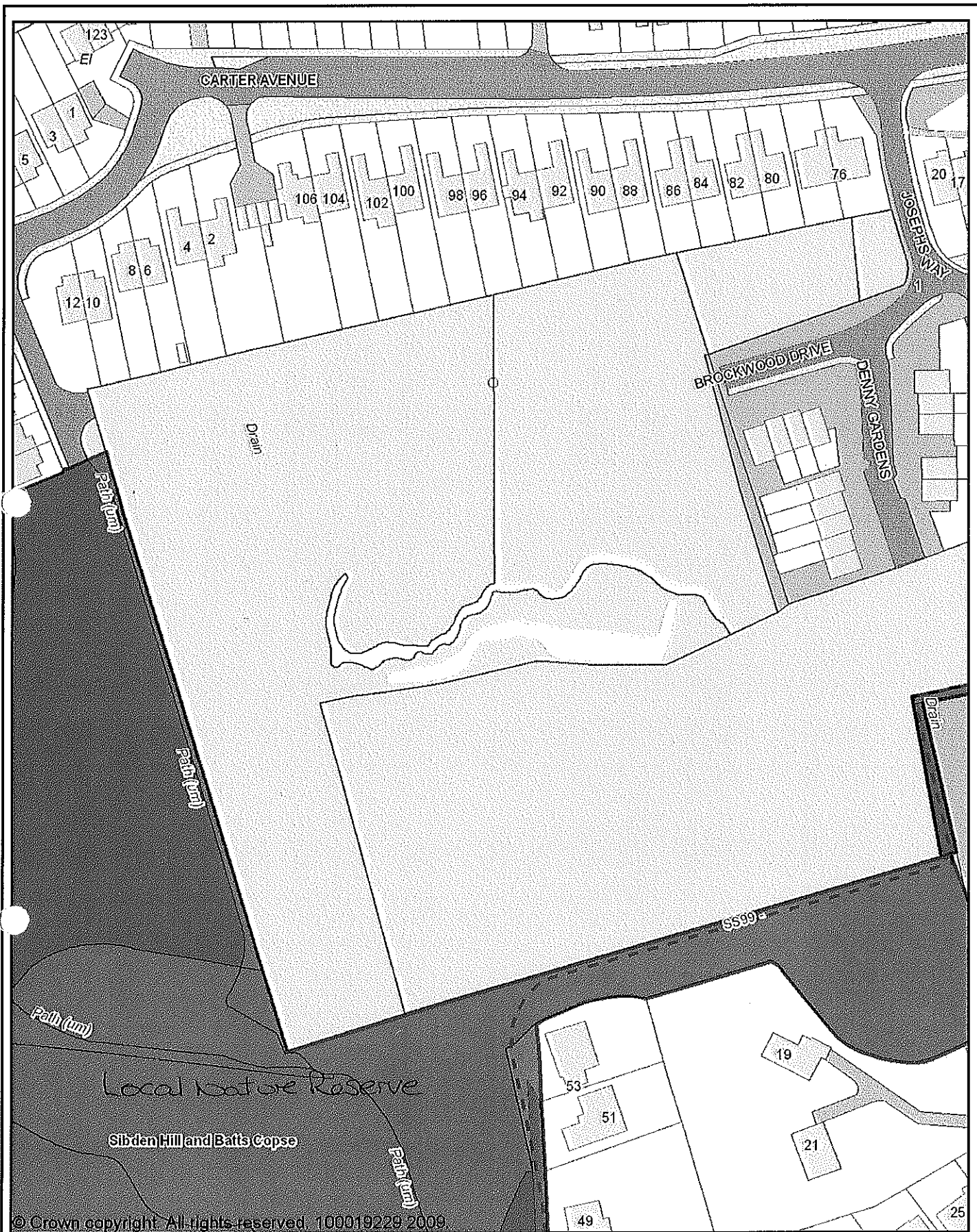
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## Stage 1 Equality Impact Assessment – Initial Screening

<b>Assessor(s) Name(s):</b>	Jerry Willis, Tree Team,
<b>Directorate:</b>	Planning & Regulatory Services
<b>Date of Completion:</b>	

### Name of Policy/Strategy/Service/Function Proposal

The Isle of Wight Council is the Registration Authority for the purposes of the Commons Registration Act 1965 & the Commons Act 2006. As Registration Authority, the Council is responsible for compiling and maintaining the Registers of Common Land and Town or Villages Greens and for any amendments to the Registers.

### The Aims, Objectives and Expected Outcomes:

The aim is to consider an application made under The Commons Act 2006 for the registration of land at Carter Quarry, Sibden Hill, Shanklin.

A decision will be made at Committee level as to whether or not village green status should be applied to the land or a part of the land after due consideration. For the claim to succeed the applicant must prove that, on the balance of probabilities all four statutory conditions are met.

If the application succeeds then it will be registered as a local land charge and placed on the commons and village greens register.

This is a proposal for a change of status for land in Shanklin to be registered under The Commons Act 2006 as a town or village green

## Key Questions to Consider in Assessing Potential Impact

Will the policy, strategy, service or council function proposal have a negative impact on any of the protected characteristics or other reasons that are relevant issues for the local community and/or staff?	no
Has previous consultation identified this issue as important or highlighted negative impact and/or we have created a "legitimate expectation" for consultation to take place? A legitimate expectation may be created when we have consulted on similar issues in the past or if we have ever given an indication that we would consult in such situations	no
Do different groups of people within the local community have different needs or experiences in the area this issue relates to?	no
Could the aims of these proposals be in conflict with the council's general duty to pay due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not?	no
Will the proposal have a significant effect on how services or a council function/s is/are delivered?	no
Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate?	no
Does the proposal involve a significant commitment of resources?	no
Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known inequalities?	no
<p>If you answer <b>Yes</b> to any of these questions, it will be necessary for you to proceed to a full Equality Impact Assessment after you have completed the rest of this initial screening form.</p> <p>If you answer <b>No</b> to all of these questions, please provide appropriate evidence using the table below and complete the evidence considerations box and obtain sign off from your Head of Service.</p>	



Protected Characteristics	Positive	Negative	No impact	Reasons
Age			✓	<p>There is no evidence to suggest that the decision to change of the status of this land will not have an impact on any of the detailed groups as the access and use will not change.</p> <p>This will not impact on any of the protected characteristics as covered under the Equality Act 2010.</p> <p>Enhancing areas with village and town locations for improved public access will provide opportunities to promote equal opportunity and foster good relations between those who chose to live, work and visit the area and will therefore have a positive impact on those who wish to make use of the land.</p>
Disability			✓	
Gender			✓	
Reassignment				
Marriage & Civil Partnership			✓	
Pregnancy & Maternity			✓	
Race			✓	
Religion / Belief			✓	
Sex (male / female)			✓	
Sexual Orientation			✓	

Are there aspects of the proposal that contribute to or improve the opportunity for equality?	yes
<p>The application provided the opportunity to continue access for the general public to the areas of land shown in the application. This is land which, is it claimed, has already had access for the local inhabitants for legal sports and pastimes for not less than 20 years.</p>	

Evidence Considered During Screening	
<p>Consultation to the public through site notices, local press advert, and copies of the application available for viewing.</p> <p>Consultation to local member, parish council, council departments and landowner and lessee.</p> <p>After looking through all the evidence gathered, a committee report has been completed; this is to be presented to the committee together with the evidence in order for them to reach a decision.</p>	
Head of Service Sign off:	W Murphy
Advice sought from Legal Services (Name)	Sonia Cooper, 09.09.2013
Date	11.09.2013

A signed version is to be kept by your team and also an electronic version should be published on the council's website (follow the link from the EIA page on the intranet).